

## REMARKS

Claims 1-7, 9-21, 23-40, 44-46 and 67-90 remain pending. The Examiner allowed claims 44-46 and 67-90. Claims 8-16, 19, 22-26, 28-36 and 39 were objected to as being dependent from a rejected base claim but were indicated as being allowable if rewritten into independent form to include the limitations of their base claim and any intervening claim. Accordingly, Claim 1 has been amended to reflect the limitations of now canceled claim 8. In depending either directly or indirectly from amended claim 1, claims 2-7 and 9-18 are therefore respectfully submitted to be allowable. Claim 19 has been amended into independent form to include the limitations of claim 1 and should therefore be allowable. In depending directly from amended claim 19, claim 20 is respectfully submitted to be allowable. Independent claim 21 has been amended to include the limitations of now canceled claim 22 and should therefore be allowable. In depending either directly or indirectly from amended claim 21, dependent claims 24-27 are therefore respectfully submitted to be allowable. Claim 28 has been amended into independent form to include the limitations of original claim 21 and is therefore submitted to be allowable. In depending either directly or indirectly from amended claim 28, claims 29-38 are respectfully submitted to be allowable. Claim 39 has been amended into independent form to include the limitations of original claim 21. In depending directly from amended claim 39, claim 40 is respectfully submitted to be allowable. Pursuant to the Outstanding Office Action, the amendments above are believed to place the Application into condition for allowance. Applicants hereby reserve the right to present claims of the original scope in continuing applications.

For all of the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all of the Examiner's objections have been overcome and that the application is in condition for allowance. Hence, Applicants respectfully request allowance of the claims under immediate consideration, and passage to issue of the application is solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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